## Bottom of the Pyramid—Red China Defector









Tung Chi-ping, defector from Red China, tells his story in Chinese, French and hands.

TUNG CHI-PING is a 24-year-old Chinese civil serven, the highest ranking official from Peking ever to defect to the West—and just one rung off the bottom of the 25-step civil service pyromid. He walked out on communication when he took a tax to the American Embassy in Burundi, not knowing what would appen to him or where he would go next, and twas two months ago, Last week, he ard at Kennedy International Airport and we, in a long, ezclusive interview, he talked as is life and his defection. He wore a grow siness suit; his shoes were probably botty. Iuring a stopower in Rome; his black hair was short, this face was serious—but he seemed to be enjoying himself. Once he was part of the wast bureaucracy that knits together the largest country in the world. Now, seeing Americans as strangers but friendly ones, he told his story of a closed society and how he managed to escape it.

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buy clothes for the trip abroad. He purchased two suits, an overcoat, two pairs of shoes, overcoat, two pairs of shoes, other necessary articles and a suitcase in which to stow them. He carefully pooketed five pounds sterling (\$410.00 the purchase sterling (\$410.00 the purchase sterling (\$410.00 the purchase sterling \$410.00 the purchase shoes of the

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